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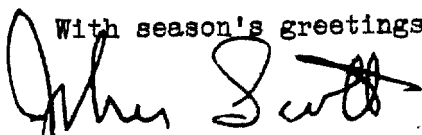
Dear Allan:

Since returning from Africa in October, I have been at work on a report on that huge continent. The completed job ran to some 75,000 words, and the checking of the figures and references and the editing of the opus are going to take several weeks more, particularly as I am pretty heavily involved with other activities.

In view of this Jim Linen thought it would be a good idea to get out some interim notes, including some reflections and conclusions now and send them off before Christmas, leaving the body of my country-by-country observations until later.

This we have done, and both of us hope that you will find the attached pages interesting and useful reading over the holidays.

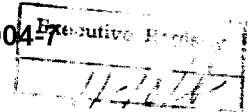
With season's greetings, ✓



John Scott

Special Assistant to the Publisher

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Mr. John Scott  
Special Assistant to the Publisher  
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Dear John:

Thank you for your draft "Africa--World's Last Frontier" which reached my office in late December. I enjoyed reading it and profited from it.

I feel that it gives a sound analysis of situations which are matters of growing international concern.

Africa is increasingly a target for the Communists, and accordingly I was especially interested in your comment on this subject. We are particularly glad to get information on tropical Africa and appreciate having your impressions.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Comments on John Scott's Draft  
"Africa--World's Last Frontier"**

1. Attached is a short draft reply which we would propose be sent to John Scott.

2. We consider Mr. Scott's discussion a useful presentation of the problems of Africa with more analysis and fewer tourist-type impressions than is generally contained in this type of presentation. African developments in the next few years may be even more difficult to cope with than this rather thoughtful paper suggests.

3. After some introductory comments which include geographic and historical data, Mr. Scott proceeds to discuss contemporary Africa in a systematic manner. He recognizes the overwhelming problems created by past and present colonialism. He also sorts out the various approaches used by the several European powers in their dealings with African problems.

Mr. Scott devotes considerable attention to an examination of the difficulties which independent African states face. He notes their staggering economic problems, their lack of trained personnel, their disorganization and the elements of disunity.

The Moslem faith, Trade Unions, Democracy, Nationalism, and Communism are all given realistic treatment. Mr. Scott recognizes the potential appeal the Communist line has for Africans. He feels that possibly dedicated nationalist leaders at the head of strong monolithic political parties might be, in part, an immediate answer. Mr. Scott closes his paper on the note that Africa needs Western capital and know-how and that a peaceful "partnership" ought to be developed.

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**(Draft Letter to J. Scott)**

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In the temporary absence of Mr. Dulles,  
I should like to acknowledge your letter of  
23 December.

Mr. Dulles is expected back in his office  
on 5 January and when he returns, I shall be  
glad to bring your letter to his attention.

Sincerely,

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